

REMARKS

1. In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 13, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 21 through 53 were last presented for examination. In the outstanding Office Action, all claims were rejected. Independent claims 21, 26 and 41 have been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 21 through 53 will remain pending in this application. Of these thirty-three (33) claims, three (3) claims (claims 21, 26 and 41) are independent. Based on the above Amendments and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that all outstanding rejections be reconsidered, and that they be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections

2. The Examiner has maintained the previous rejections in which independent claims 21, 26 and 41 and dependent claims 22, 27, 28, 30, 32, 37-39, 42-43, 45, 47, 52 and 53 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0066033 to Dobbins (hereinafter, "Dobbins") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,434,619 to Lim, *et al.* (hereinafter, "Lim"). Based upon the above Amendments and following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

3. Independent claim 21 recites, in part, "applying to said service provider network a security filter definable by a service provider and not the customer" and "applying to said network resources of the partitioned network a display filter definable by the customer and not subject to the control of the service provider." (*See*, Applicant's claim 21, above). In rejecting claim 21, the Examiner asserted that Dobbins "discloses policies controllable by the administrator that determine which content and network resources a particular subscriber has access." (*See*, Office Action of November 21, 2006, page 10). Dobbins states that "the network provider has the ultimate control over all elements" and that "the subscriber also has some administrative controls, but *only at the discretion* of the content provider and the network provider." (*See* Dobbins para. 17 and 43; emphasis added). Dobbins cannot teach or suggest that the security and display filter system as claimed by claim 21 is definable either by the service provider or the customer, respectively. Likewise, the Examiner has not and cannot cite any portion of Lim for teaching this feature of claim 21. Therefore, notwithstanding the deficiencies in combining Dobbins and Lim, the Examiner has failed to cite a single reference alone or in combination that teaches all the elements of claim 21.

Independent claims 26 and 41 contain a similar limitation and Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection to claims 21, 26 and 41 for at least this reason.

4. Applicant again notes that in the present Office Action, despite Applicant's previous request, that the Examiner failed to provide any basis for rejecting dependent claim 40. Applicant accordingly respectfully requests that the Examiner either provide a basis for rejecting claim 40 or indicate that claim 40 is allowable over the cited references.

Dependent Claims

5. The Examiner has maintained the previous rejections in which dependent claims 23 through 25, 31, 33 through 36, 46 and 48 through 51 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0066033 to Dobbins (hereinafter, "Dobbins") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,434,619 to Lim, *et al.* (hereinafter, "Lim") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,275,225 Rangarajan, *et al.* (hereinafter, "Rangarajan"). Based upon the above Amendments and following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

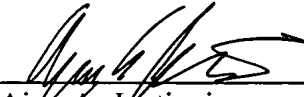
6. The Examiner has maintained the previous rejections in which dependent claims 29 and 44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0066033 to Dobbins (hereinafter, "Dobbins") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,434,619 to Lim, *et al.* (hereinafter, "Lim") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,275,225 Teijido, *et al.* (hereinafter, "Teijido"). Based upon the above Amendments and following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

7. The dependent claims incorporate all of the subject matter of their respective independent claims and add additional subject matter which makes them *a fortiori* independently patentable over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that the dependent claims are patentable over the art of record at least for the same reasons as those noted above.

Conclusion

8. In view of the foregoing, this application should be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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